

HANDOUT 7.3 - BOARDING PROCEDURES FOR SEABORNE PATROLS
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Overview of boarding procedures used to inspect or search maritime vessels.

Boarding procedure	Purpose
Pre-boarding observations	To gather and record information that may be used to assist in developing a plan, determining the degree of risk, and developing probable cause that a violation of law exists
Boarding team briefing	To organize and brief the boarding party on all circumstances surrounding the boarding of the subject vessel
Boarding instructions to subject vessel	To ensure the vessel's captain understands the boarding team's intentions
Boat crew brief	To inform the vessel's crew of their tasks and responsibilities
Embarkation	To safely board the vessel in an orderly manner directed by the boarding officer
Disembarkation procedures	To safely depart the vessel in an orderly manner designated by the boarding officer
Debriefing	To evaluate the boarding and identify mistakes and activities done well
Reporting	To brief the superiors as to exactly what took place during the boarding

Positioning of boarding team on vessel to be inspected.

